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In re application of

Hirofumi SUDO

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Application No. 10/081,190

Group 2133

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INTERCOMMUNICATING APPARATUS FOR  
DUPLEX SYSTEM CAPABLE OF DETECTING  
FAILURE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 1, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.